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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT

- ALVAREZ URGING RELEASE OF WILSON AND JUAN RAUL  
 FERREIRA

1. AMBASSADOR, JULY 10, RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER,  
 SIGNED BY EIGHTY U.S. CONGRESSMEN, UNDER COVER OF  
 REQUEST FROM SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL BARNES  
 THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED TO URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT ALVAREZ:

2. QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE  
 OF REPRESENTATIVES, WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN  
 OVER YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DETENTION OF MR. WILSON  
 FERREIRA ALDUNATE AND HIS SON, JUAN RAUL FERREIRA. IT  
 IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BELIEVE THAT URUGUAY IS ON A  
 PATH TO DEMOCRACY SO LONG AS ONE OF YOUR LEADING  
 POLITICAL FIGURES REMAINS IN PRISON. IN THESE  
 CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CANNOT SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN  
 RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE STRONGLY  
 URGE THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF  
 WILSON FERREIRA ALDUNATE AND JUAN RAUL FERREIRA.

SINCERELY,

MICHAEL D. BARNES  
 CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE  
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END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY, JULY 10, DELIVERED LETTER TO FOREIGN  
MINISTRY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT ALVAREZ. ARANDA  
END OF MESSAGE  
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